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SUBJECT: PROPOSED REGULATIONS ON METRIC STANDARDS OF
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1. BUREAU OF ALCOHOL, TOBACCO AND FIREARMS HAS UNDER CON-

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SIDERATION REVISED REGULATIONS ON METRIC STANDARDS OF FILL FOR WINE. BUREAU PLANS TO HOLD PUBLIC HEARINGS SHORTLY ON PROPOSAL WHICH WOULD AMEND CERTAIN PROVISIONS OF 27 CFR PART 4. FOLLOWING IS A SUMMARY OF PROPOSAL NOW UNDER CONSIDERATION.

(A) MAKE FOLLOWING METRIC BOTTLE SIZES MANDATORY WITHIN U.S. AND FOR IMPORTS: 3 LITERS, 1 LITER, 1.5 LITERS, .75 LITER, .375 LITER, .187 LITER. INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF WINES, SPIRITS, LIQUORS AND BRANDIES INDUSTRIES AND WHOLESELLING AT NOVEMBER 23 MEETING REPORTEDLY RECOMMENDED THESE SIZES FOR USE IN INTERNATIONAL TRADE IN WINE. METRIC SIZES WOULD BE VOLUNTARY FOR TWO YEARS, MANDATORY THEREAFTER. AMENDMENT WOULD MAKE PROVISION FOR WINE BOTTLED BEFORE EFFECTIVE DATE OF NEW REG.

(B) SPECIFY NUMBER OF BOTTLE UNITS WHICH MUST BE PACKED IN A SHIPPING CASE OR CONTAINER AS FOLLOWS:

(CONTAINER SIZE) (UNITS PER CASE)

3 LITERS . . 4
1.5 LITERS . . 6
1 LITER . . 12
.75 LITER . . 12
.375 LITER . . 24
.187 LITER 48

THIS WOULD APPLY BOTH TO IMPORTS AS WELL AS DOMESTIC PRODUCTION.

(C) ELIMINATE PRESENT EXEMPTION OF IMPORTED WINES FROM U.S. STANDARDS OF FILL (27 CFR 4.70(B)). AT PRESENT, THERE IS NO RESTRICTION ON SIZES OF CONTAINERS IN WHICH WINE MAY BE IMPORTED INTO U.S. ARGUMENT MADE FOR LIMITED NUMBER OF SIZES IS PREVENTION OF POSSIBLE CONSUMER DECEPTION. PROPOSED REGULATION WOULD ALSO MEAN FOREIGN WINES WOULD HAVE TO CONFORM WITH U.S. TOLERANCES OF FILL CONTAINED IN 27 CFR 4.37. VARIANCES FROM STATED NET CONTENTS ARE PERMITTED ONLY (REPEAT ONLY) AS FOLLOWS:
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(I) DISCREPENCIES DUE EXCLUSIVELY TO ERRORS IN MEASURING WHICH OCCUR IN FILLING CONDUCTED IN COMPLIANCE WITH GOOD MANUFACTURING PRACTICE;

(II) DISCREPENCIES DUE EXCLUSIVELY TO DIFFERENCES IN CAPACITY OF CONTAINER RESULTING IN UNAVOIDABLE DIFFICULTIES IN MANUFACTURING SUCH CONTAINERS TO BE OF EQUAL

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CAPACITY.

(III) DISCREPENCIES DUE TO DIFFERENCES IN ATMOSPHERIC PRESSURE IN VARIOUS AREAS OR RESULTING FROM NORMAL EVAPORATION.

2. POSTS MAY ADVISE HOST GOVERNMENTS THAT USG IS CONSIDERING REGULATIONS ALONG THE LINES DESCRIBED ABOVE. IT SHOULD BE STRESSED, HOWEVER, THAT ABOVE IS A PROPOSAL ONLY AND IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE. RUSH

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